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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The City of Neoga began a citywide beautification project three years ago to make the community a more beautiful place to live; and

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WHEREAS, Residents began planting flowers, pulling weeds, and picking up trash on city clean-up days as part of the beautification process; and

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WHEREAS, Citizens strongly supported the creation of a veterans memorial in addition to placing memorial signs around the city honoring current military personnel; a committee was formed to research, design, and fund the new memorial; and

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WHEREAS, The chosen design for the memorial included a walking path design with handicap accessible walkways between granite tablets, etched with the names of more than 1000 veterans dating back to the Civil War; and

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WHEREAS, Over the course of two years, volunteers were able to raise \$62,000 to build the memorial by holding various fundraisers, including fish fries, bake sales, cookouts, raffles, Jeep runs, 50/50 drawings, breakfasts, t-shirts, sign and flag sales, and aluminum can collections; and

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1 WHEREAS, In addition to the support received from the
2 veterans who served this great country, the memorial project
3 would not have been possible without the support of many
4 organizations, including the Neoga Veterans Memorial
5 Committee, the Neoga City Council, the Neoga Park Board, the
6 engineering expertise of Milano and Grunloh, Bartel's
7 Construction, Pyramid Marble, the local Girl Scouts, and the
8 Modern Woodmen Group, and numerous area businesses and
9 community members who generously donated to the fundraising
10 efforts; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate the City of Neoga on its successful effort to
14 build a veterans memorial; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we declare May 25, 2016 as Neoga Veterans
16 Memorial Committee Day in the State of Illinois; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the Neoga Veterans Memorial Committee.